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STANDING IN THEIR OWN LIGHT.

The Japanese who are letting somebody else earn the money which otherwise would go to them, should take a day for serious reflection. It ought to be clear to them that the strike is an economic blunder akin to killing the goose that laid golden eggs. At the start, it rested on a mistaken theory, which was, that no strikebreakers could be had and that, without them, the planters must either surrender or go out of business. One of the speakers at the first mass meeting of the strikers ridiculed the idea that Hawaiians could or would labor in the cane. But a week had scarcely passed before the native people were flocking to the plantations and making good at hard labor. Since then the work of the blacklisted sugar estates has steadily progressed.

What the Japanese strikers should especially consider is the fact that, as time passes, the planters are growing more and more prepared to get on without them. That is to say, the available labor supply is getting better instead of worse. Porto Ricans are arriving; Filipinos are coming, and Commissioner Campbell, aided by the United States government, will soon begin shipping Portuguese. There is more than a fair prospect of recruiting Russians. Every man who lands and shows capacity to work, will displace a Japanese permanently; for it can not be the policy to give a striker preference over a strikebreaker, unless there is a wide difference in the wage-scale which, as soon as things settle down, will not be the case.

Situated as they are, the planters hold the key to the situation. While they wait, ships are coming with new men. But every day the Japanese strikers wait the chance of their ever getting back is lessened. Today there is still an open door. Before a great while the door will be shut and the sign hung out, "No Standing Room." What have the strikers to gain by waiting for that?

It is obvious that many people here hope they will stand out until there are no jobs left for them. Distrust of a large Japanese population has been growing for years, and there are those who do not fancy a Japanese party in the Territorial electorate. From the interest the people at Washington are showing in the Campbell mission, we judge that the Federal government itself is mindful of the political advantage of reducing the Japanese population and filling the vacancies with people eligible to citizenship. If so, it must be pleasing news at Washington that the strike is still on. Makino and Negoro may well be favorites there. But meanwhile, how do the strikers enjoy contributing to such an end? If they are eager to maintain Japanese influence here, the course they are taking is precisely the one which tends to destroy it. They are inviting the day of doom; and with an obstinacy worthy of a better cause they are holding out against their one remaining chance of employment in the United States and in a labor market which, for them, is the best paid in the world. People capable of that blunder do not deserve the title of "the Kankees of the East." Yankees would know better.

THE CASE AGAINST ALCOHOL.

Some grains of comfort there may be for those whose Sunday tipples, and perhaps a Monday headache, has been shut off by the recent action of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners. Prof. M. A. Rosanoff and Dr. S. J. Rosanoff, of Clark University (Mass.), and Kings Park State Hospital (Long Island), respectively, after an interesting examination of the experimental study of leading physiologists and psychologists in Europe for the past twenty years, consider, as firmly established, that:

"First, alcohol impairs every human faculty.
"Second, the higher and more complex the human faculty, the more pronounced is the effect of alcohol upon it.
"Finally, the effects of alcohol are cumulative; that is, its continuous use, even in comparatively moderate quantities, impairs the faculties at a rapidly increasing rate."

"The record of experiments," set out with much care, furnishes conclusions to reinforce the judgment of the abstainer and give food for thought to those who are testing the joys and sorrows that are found in the "flowing bowl."

1. Unlike ordinary food, alcohol, taken in moderate quantity on an empty stomach, has two distinct effects on the muscular system. During the first brief stage after it is taken, a strengthening effect predominates. No sooner is the first stage over than a weakening effect becomes more prominent.

2. Moderate amounts of alcohol taken with a meal effect a very considerable lowering of the capacity for doing muscular work. The widespread notion that moderate drinking with meals helps a laborer do his work is false.

3. Moderate drinking retards to a considerable extent the activities of life, intermediate in complexity between purely muscular and psychical work. The notion that a drink "braces one up" and makes one do such work faster is false.

4. Moderate drinking reduces an artisan's efficiency. Its effect is cumulative and the losses caused by it increase as time goes on.

5. Moderate daily drinking reduces the rapidity with which habitual associations of ideas are formed in the mind. This effect increases rapidly as time goes on. The notion that alcohol "stimulates" a person to his mental work is not borne out by facts.

6. Free associations of ideas are affected by moderate daily drinking even more than the simpler habitual associations.

7. Ordinary memorizing is greatly retarded under the influence of moderate daily drinking.

There are 160,000 epileptics in the United States, 32,000 of whom are said to owe their affliction to the intemperance of parents. Throughout the western world it is said that one out of four men admitted to an insane asylum is brought there by alcohol.

Out of 7000 inquiries addressed to concerns employing labor, the U. S. Commissioner of Labor received 5363 replies, saying that they took the drink question very much into account in hiring men, because the law held them liable for injuries caused by accident.

M. Prevost, speaking through Le Figaro (Paris), says: "Were the consumption of alcohol suppressed today, humanity would not have one pleasure the less."

And Charles Darwin bears this testimony: "Through the long experience of my father and my grandfather, extending over a period of more than one hundred years, I have reached the conviction that no other cause has brought about so much suffering, so much disease and misery, as the use of intoxicating beverages."

In the words of Shakespeare's Casca, "O thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee—devil! * * * O that men should put an enemy in their mouths, to steal away their brains! that we should, with joy, revel, pleasure, and applause, transform ourselves into beasts!"

It appears from the statement made by H. Hackfeld & Co., about billboard advertising, that there has been a tacit boycott on goods the virtues of which are thus displayed. The method taken, if this was the method, is about the only one available, as the law seems to be on the side of the billboards, nuisance though they are. But we emphasize "tacit," as an organized boycott is against the law, and the one of which the Hackfelds spoke seems to have been spontaneous. Doubtless it was all the more effective for that; and the fact of its existence is an evidence of civic pride worth noting. As such pride grows in any community the billboard declines in vogue; it is where a population has underbred tastes that the thing flourishes. Indeed, in some squalid places, the glaring billboard is everywhere and seems to fit in naturally, but it has no place in a self-respecting town or amid the beauties of nature and art.

Whether or not von Buelow's retirement is due to the incidents connected with the publication of the Kaiser's famous interview, is a question which awaits more light. It fell to von Buelow in the Reichstag, as Chancellor of the Empire, to make certain apologies and promises for the Emperor which added in some degree to the latter's humiliation. He wanted to resign then, so the dispatches say, but was not permitted to do so. Now he retires in the prime of his powers and usefulness from the most exalted administrative post in continental Europe, marking, possibly, the end of a painful interlude, but for which he would have remained in power.

Kaimuki property-owners were relieved of a nightmare when the mortars were fired. No glass was broken and no harm done, not even to the nerves of the inhabitants. It will be some time before Waikiki has its experience with more resonant guns, but it is given out that there will be no practice there after the first tests, all that sort of thing being done with similar guns at Pearl Harbor. Hence if any windows are broken they will not have to be replaced more than once.

It appears to be the open season for Japanese editors.

AMUSEMENTS

Joe Cohen has received a cable from San Francisco announcing that the Charles Oro musical comedy and vaudeville company will arrive here on the Alameda for an indefinite season of musical stock productions at the Orpheum. The company brings a chorus with it. An excellent series of moving picture films has been secured by Cohen from the Independent Film Service. These films are very different from anything that has ever been seen here before, says Cohen. The engagement will open a week from Monday.

The two fancy roller skaters who will open Cohen's new skating rink will also arrive on the Alameda.

A Fool's Revenge.

Mercutio, in the Fool's Revenge, a Pathe picture, will be seen in conjunction with the Wolf Hunt at the Park Theater tonight. It is one of the best films made by this firm and the characters were assumed on the stage by a French troupe of more than ordinary ability. The costuming is superb and the parts carried out with the same fidelity that characterized the production in the Booth Company. That it will be well received goes without saying. It is smooth of construction and powerful in dramatic action. It is the story of Rigoletto applied to motion pictures, the clear facial expression reminding one of the acting of the world's best actors. The gestures are intensely suggestive and the pose of characters are as near perfection as can be imagined.

A touch of the legitimate drama, after the departure of the gentleman who so ably recited some of it here, is timely. In conjunction with this film will be shown several of the comedy sort and the great Wolf Hunt, a picture that must long linger in the memory of those who were privileged to see it. The song program will be extended and will include a number of new ones by the Melotte sisters and George Milne. This will provide entertainment of the right sort where there is no offensive tobacco smoke to interfere with the comfort and pleasure of ladies.

Art Theater.

Manager Lawson, of the Art, is authority for the assertion that the imprint of Pathe Freres upon an M. P. film is a guarantee that it is of the very best, because these manufacturers have attained to the highest standard in the business. The feature film selected for today's program at this theater comprises two films. In the first one, entitled "The Mesmerizer," you get not only an intensely dramatic manifestation of the marvelous results obtained from the occult powers of mesmerism, a dastardly murder being discovered and traced directly to the perpetrator of the crime by the daughter of the victim, she being the medium employed by the hypnotist, but the most exacting of critics will find the beautiful scenery and stage settings quite up to his ideals from an esthetic standpoint. In "Grotesque Figures" you have the epitome of what may be accomplished by so-called trick-photography. This film is a very riot of colors. In addition there is the usual assortment of pictures serious, instructive and comic, and the intervals are relieved from tedium by the splendid vocal and orchestra selections rendered on the magnaphone, which is becoming very popular with the Art patrons.

PERELSTROUS PLEASED.

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Mr. Perelstros's visit here is purely a vacation trip, and not until after he landed did he think of taking up the immigration problem. Some two years ago he discussed Hawaii with James Low, and he has come here with the intention of purchasing a home, which he expects to occupy during a part of each year.

Perelstros is one of the largest contractors in Asiatic Russia, his headquarters being at Vladivostok. He has stated that, should conditions seem to warrant it, he can bring thousands of Russian immigrants, skilled in agricultural pursuits, into this Territory. After he returns from Hawaii, the matter will probably be taken up with him by the Board of Immigration.

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